

Green Criminology and Criminological Aspects of Criminal Offenses against the Environment in Albania

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Abstract

Green criminology studies environmental damage, environmental legislation and the entire regulatory framework in the field of environment. The criminal offense group against the environment has occupied a specific weight with a downward trend until 2011, where after this year there has been an increase in the indicators of prosecution of these offenses. Criminological aspects of criminal acts against the environment show some characteristics that are related to the type of offenses, the place of commission of offenses, age, gender, education, employment etc. Some of these characteristics are considered criminogenic factors that have influenced the performance of criminal offenses against the environment.

Protecting the criminal justice legal environment as any other task of criminal legislation can only be realized if environmental protection against the criminal offenses directed against it is accompanied by and with their prevention. In addition to the preventive role that the punishment policy itself can have, other preventive measures have an equally important role in environmental criminality. Prevention of environmental damage should be achieved mainly through other non-criminal measures. The methodology used is analytical, descriptive and comparative for the offenses provided in Chapter IV of the Albanian Criminal Code.

An overview of the current situation of environmental legal protection and the role of criminal policy in environmental protection Amendments to criminal legislation associated with the adoption of other preventive measures will impact on more effective environmental protection.

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